

#4 IDS  
M. Brunson  
5/10/01  
PATENT

Docket No.: 50395-073

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Eisuke SASAOKA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/752,526

Filed: January 03, 2001



Group Art Unit: 2874

Examiner:

For: RAMAN AMPLIFIER, OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND OPTICAL FIBER

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

RECEIVED  
APR 24 2001  
TC 2000 MAIL ROOM

Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication Nos. 10-294510 and 11-84440 correspond to  
European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0911926.

Respectfully submitted,

MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY



Arthur J. Steiner  
Registration No. 26,106

600 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005-3096  
(202) 756-8000 AJS:klm  
**Date: April 20, 2001**  
Facsimile: (202) 756-8087